

# STORM TIES UP FISHING FLEET.

## Market Boats and Herring Torchers Kept in Port By Breeze.

### Gale Was On Anniversary of Terrible Portland Blow.

For three days a coast storm has been thrashing about off shore, with its western boundary sweeping the New England shoreline with wind velocities averaging nearly a mile-a-minute.

The gale first made itself felt on Cape Cod last Friday, but did not reach its height until Saturday and yesterday, when a maximum velocity of 65 miles an hour was reached. The storm on the Cape was accompanied by snow and rain squalls, with occasional spells of blustering weather. As the storm center was northeast of Cape Cod, incoming liners during the next few days probably will have stories to tell of its effects.

Up to dark last night no serious disaster had been reported, but shipping was considerably hampered by the storm.

The long continued storm has effectually tied up the whole shore fishing fleet, and the bait torching fleet as well. At T wharf, as well as at Provincetown, Portland and this port, market boats are tied up snug and if the weather bureau prognostication of a week of storms is correct, they are down on the card to do little or no fishing for some few days to come. The venturesome half dozen which left T wharf yesterday, hoping for a chance to fish today, did not get far and were obliged to put in at this port and tie up with the big fleet already here.

**Torchers Fear Snow May Come.**

The herring torchers have not been over to the torching grounds at Essex and Ipswich since last Friday, and from present appearances they will not get over tonight. The torchers are praying for the snow to hold off, for any amount of it they say will drive off the main body of the herring schools,

and they are figuring on some good fishing yet before the season closes.

The offshore schs. Lillian and John Hays Hammond, which arrived at T wharf, Boston, yesterday, from the eastward, report very heavy weather since leaving the fishing grounds, with heavy snow squalls for ten hours while crossing the Bay of Fundy. Sch. E. C. Hussey of the shore fleet, which arrived at T wharf yesterday, reports loss of main gaff.

No serious disasters, with loss of life, have been reported and it is felt that shore shipping generally had pretty good warning of the storm and made sheltering ports in safety.

**Incoming Craft Find Gale of Great Intensity.**

The steamer Prince Arthur, at Boston yesterday, from Yarmouth, N. S., had a hard trip across the Bay of Fundy. Her deck was swept of everything movable and her captain reports a very wicked sea running and also encountered a ten-hour snow storm. The Nova Scotia sch. Mercedes, bound for Boston, is ashore in the Bay of Fundy and will probably be a total loss.

So severe was the storm at Cape Cod that many steamers and big craft were unable to get around the Cape and are anchored down back of the Cape until the gale subsides. About all of them are bound for Boston.

It is a coincidence that the gale happened on the twelfth anniversary of the Portland gale, the terrible storm in which the steamer Portland went down off this port, with all on board, on the night of November 27, 1898. While the gale of Saturday and Sunday has been a severe one, the worst of the winter thus far, and in some places at sea accompanied by snow, still it falls far short of equalling that famous gale in severity and intensity, although it has been of longer duration.

# CANADIAN FISHERIES INCREASED.

## Total Value Last Year Was \$29,629,169, an Increase of 149,607.

The annual report of the Canadian Fisheries Department as tabled in the commons Wednesday, shows that the total value of all kinds of fish and fish products taken by Canadian fishermen during the last fiscal year was \$29,629,169.

This sum constitutes a record being \$4,178,084 greater than that of 1908, and \$149,607 better than the total of 1905, which was the previous record. The great increase in the value is due to the increased catches in the Western Provinces, British Columbia alone contributing nearly four millions of the increase.

The total number of men directly engaged in the work of the fisheries throughout Canada last year was 90,357. In commenting on the action of the department taken two years ago to assist fishermen on the Atlantic and Pacific coasts in transporting fresh fish to the inland Provinces by means of special fast freight services and government assistance in the way of meeting the express charges, the report says:

"Before the question of improved facilities was taken up by the department, the interior Canadian markets were practically altogether supplied from the United States. Of course there are some kinds of fish not caught off the Canadian coasts, and for which there is a certain demand at hotels, etc., which continue, and no doubt will continue to be brought into Canada, but that the trade in staple food fish such as cod, haddock, halibut, salmon, etc., which previously obtained

with the United States, has been practically altogether replaced by Canadian fish, is quite obvious.

"In 1906, the imports of fresh fish from the United States into Ontario and Quebec was 1,968,552 pounds. In 1908 such importations had fallen off to 1,180,543 pounds, while during the year which ended on March 31, 1910, such shipments excluding oysters in the shell and lobsters, of which there were 2,115 barrels of the former, and 26 barrels of the latter, had fallen off to but 761,569 pounds.

"Not only has the importations of fresh fish from the United States been practically supplanted; but the consumption of such wholesome and nutritious food, drawn from Canadian sources is rapidly increasing."

**Nova Scotia Fisheries Returned Value of \$8,081,111.**

For the year under review the fisheries of Nova Scotia returned a value amounting to \$8,081,111. This is an increase of \$71,272.

Salmon has fallen \$9,000 in value, while the value of herring has advanced by \$147,800.

The value of mackerel has taken a large drop being \$367,000 less than the previous year. The value of lobsters has dropped \$244,871, owing chiefly to stormy weather during the spring and early summer.

Cod shows a very large increase in value. The advance over last year amounts to \$655,000.

The total value of haddock has risen by \$98,000 over last year.

The value of pollock and halibut has also dropped by \$3,000 and \$4,500 respectively.

### SCH. DICTATOR SOLD.

**Capt. Spinney and Thompson Will Have New Craft Built.**

Sch. Dictator of this port, 126 tons gross, 92 tons net, built at Essex in 1901, has been sold to Messrs. Tebo of Grand Bank, N. F., and will soon proceed to her new home port.

Capt. Lemuel E. Spinney and Fred Thompson, the owners of the Dictator, will now have a new vessel built right away for the latter skipper, who has been in command of the craft for the past two or three seasons and made a most remarkable record in the Georges halibut fishery.

Capt. Thompson has certainly earned a new craft all right and his many friends hope that he will continue his success in the prospective new flyer which will be of the most up-to-date model and finely equipped.

### BANQUET FOR ELDER.

**Counsel for the Fishermen Honored By a Dinner Last Evening.**

Hon. Samuel J. Elder was honored by a company of judges and attorneys at a dinner at the Boston City club last evening and in return delighted them, together with a large gathering of club members, by recounting his experience at The Hague and discussing the proceedings there in the fisheries dispute between the United States and Canada.

The affair was complimentary to Mr. Elder's success in defending the interests of the American fishermen. He was praised by the speakers at the postprandial exercises, which were attended by about 150, and later applauded and cheered by 600 men when he delivered his address in the large hall.

Among those present was William A. Pew, Jr., of this city.

### Herring Fleet Was Stormbound.

The continued northerly winds of the past week have kept the fleet of American fishing vessels which have been at North Sydney, C. B., for harbor from proceeding to Bay of Islands. Several of the vessels started Monday and were obliged to come back to port again.

# GOING AFTER HERRING.

## GORTON-PEW COMPANY CHARTER THREE VESSELS FOR BAY OF ISLANDS CATCH.

A letter to the Boston Fish Bureau from Bay of Islands, N. F., states that several vessels have arrived there recently to load. Herring have been very plentiful in all the Arms and at Bonne Bay, but now show some signs of slacking off, although the fishing is still good. The quality and size continues fine at Bay of Islands, but the weather holds mild and there has been no frost as yet.

Advices here are to the effect that no more salt herring craft have sailed for home, although several are pretty well along with their loading and will sail soon, weather permitting. The first of the frozen pan fleet, sch. Fannie A. Smith, has finished loading and is now on the way home. The report that sch. Harry A. Nickerson has loaded with salt herring at Bonne Bay, and sailed, is erroneous. She was probably confounded with sch. T. M. Nicholson of Bucksport, which is loaded with salt herring and on the way, although the cargo will probably not come to this port.

The Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company has chartered sch. Madonna and will send her right away to Bay of Islands for a cargo of herring. This is the third vessel this concern has chartered for the herring fishery, schs. Ellen C. Burke and Gov. Russell being the two others.

The British schs. Strathcona and B. G. Anderson are at Bay of St. Georges, N. F., for cargoes of salt herring which will probably go to the Canadian market.

### HAD A HARD TIME.

#### Sch. E. C. Hussey Out in the Big Blow of Yesterday.

Sch. E. C. Hussey, which had been fishing on Georges bank, and reached T wharf for yesterday's market, had a mighty hard time of it after she got up in the Bay and also came very close indeed to losing one or more of her crew.

The craft made in by the Highland all right, but when up off Scituate and making a hitch into the bay, a big comber swept across the deck and back into the ocean again taking with it everything movable in the way of gurry kids, barrels and other deck fittings.

When the sea struck, Dennis Porter and Edgar LeBlanc were at the wheel. The rushing wave swept the latter off his feet, tore him clear of his grip on the wheel and washed him down into the scuppers and up against the lee rail. Here Porter caught hold of his oil jacket and saved him from the danger of being swept out over the rail. LeBlanc was bruised up some but he is lucky to be alive.

The Hussey brought in a mackerel, a tinker, about six inches long, which was washed on deck in the midst of the storm, by one of the waves and left lying on the deck.

### Portland Fish Notes.

Sch. Margaret Dillon brought 3000 pounds of mixed fish and sch. Evelyn M. Thompson 4000 pounds, Saturday. The sloop Naman brought 1000 lobsters to N. F. Trefethen.

Some of the herring catchers are still doing business, about 175 barrels having been brought in on Saturday and landed at the Portland Cold Storage plant on Central wharf.



# FLEET IS STILL IN PORT.

**BAD WEATHER OUTSIDE MAKES  
FISHING IMPOSSIBLE AT  
PRESENT.**

Another of the Newfoundland herring fleet arrived here during the night with a full cargo of salt herring from Bay of Islands. Sch. Helen G. Wells is the craft and on the last quarter of her journey the northeast gale has scudded her along in great shape.

Also from the eastward, having been on a deck handling trip, is the sch. Arbutus, hailing for 35,000 pounds of salt cod, while sch. Rex, one of the haddock fleet, and from Western bank, is also an over-night arrival and has 40,000 pounds of fresh fish to dispose of this morning.

Yesterday there were only three sailings, all in the shore fleet, and they did not get far. All the large fleet which has harbored here since Friday, is still in port and during the night several crafts came down from Boston, thus adding to the already large number storm bound here. The torchers of course did not get a chance to go over across the bay last night, but remained tied up.

The outlook for today is the same as yesterday. It is no fish day. The wind is heavy and the sea wild outside. The big fleet will remain in port and the only arrivals looked for are a possible few of the large vessels which have been fishing to the eastward or are coming from Newfoundland with herring.

## Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

During the forenoon several more crafts, which had been hurried along from the eastward by the long continued easterly gale, arrived in port, among them the dory handliners Gossip and Muriel, their arrival winding up the season for this branch of the fishery, they being the last two out. The former hails for 80,000 pounds of salt cod and the latter for 70,000 pounds. The fare of the latter craft is on the market and the prices therefore are due for a boost as it is the last chance to buy in a fare of dory handline cod. The fare of the Gossip goes to the Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company.

Another arrival this forenoon is sch. S. P. Willard, from Bay of Islands, N. F., with a full fare of salt herring. Both the Willard and Helen G. Wells, which arrived during the night, left Bay of Islands last Tuesday and thus have lost no time in coming along.

Another of the eastern deck handliners, sch. Marsala, came in this forenoon with about 28,000 pounds of salt cod. She struck some heavy weather on the homeward passage, as her main boom is gone.

What few shore boats went out yesterday returned without having a set, so that the embargo on market fishing is complete.

The receipts in detail are as follows:

Sch. S. P. Willard, Bay of Islands, N. F., 1075 bbls. salt herring, 110 bbls. pickled herring.

Sch. Gossip, Virgin Rocks, dory handlining, 80,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Muriel, Quero Bank, deck handlining, 70,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Stranger, shore.

Sch. Joseph H. Cromwell, shore.

Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, shore.

Sch. Mary Edith, shore.

Sch. Mary A. Gleason, returned.

Sch. James and Esther, returned.

Sch. Rhodora, returned.

Sch. Rex, Western Bank, 40,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Helen G. Wells, Bay of Islands, N. F., 1000 bbls. salt herring, 125 bbls. pickled herring.

Sch. Arbutus, eastern deck handlining, 35,000 lbs. salt cod.

Sch. Patrician, via Boston.

Sch. Gladys and Nellie, via Boston.

Sch. John Hays Hammond, via Boston.

## Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, Boston.

Sch. Lena and Maud, Newfoundland herring trip.

## Today's Fish Market.

Salt trawl bank cod, \$4.75 for large and \$4.37½ for medium.

Bank halibut, 11 3-4 cts. per lb. for white and 10 cts. for gray, heads on.

Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2.00.

Salt haddock, \$2.00 per cwt.

Salt hake, \$2.00 per cwt.

Salt pollock, \$2.00 per cwt.

Dory handline cod, \$4.80 per cwt. for large; \$4.40 for mediums and \$3.25 for snappers.

Spotting prices for fresh fish:  
Eastern cod, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$1.80; snappers, 80c.  
Cusk, large, \$1.75 per cwt.; medium \$1.30; snappers, 50c.  
Haddock, \$1.10 per cwt.; hake, \$1.30 per cwt.; dressed pollock, \$1.15 per cwt.; round pollock, \$1.00 per cwt.  
Georges handline salt cod, \$5.25 for large and \$4.75 for medium.

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# LITTLE FISH AT T WHARF.

**STORM INTERFERES WITH THE  
MARKET SUPPLY—DOCK PACK-  
ED WITH VESSELS.**

Pretty light receipts at T wharf today. Two of the off shore vessels are in with small catches and four of the little Plymouth netters, which have been housed over there since the gale came on, evidently succeeded in getting their nets yesterday and ran up to market. They struck prices all right, as their codfish will bring six cents a pound for the large ones.

Two of the market boats are in, schs. Thomas J. Carroll and A. C. Newhall, the latter 52 years old and the oldest craft of the market fleet, each with small catches. Just when they got their fish is hard to figure, but they certainly took desperate chances and did some tall flirting with Davy Jones.

In the eight trips are only 35,000 pounds of fish, and 35,000 pounds of this are hake and cusk, so it is pretty blue Tuesday for the dealers, who will not come within a tub of trawl's length of filling their orders.

Haddock is going at from \$4 to \$6, the former price for the oldest off-shore stock, while codfish are all the way from \$3 for old markets to \$6 for both large and small new stock. Hake are good property, selling for from \$2.50 to \$4, with cusk at \$3.50, at which figures the canners will get none. Pollock, there are only a handful up there, in small 500 pound lots, are bringing as high as \$4.50 per hundred weight, some selling a dollar under that figure.

The T wharf basins and the berths on the end and all the contiguous make fast spots are just packed with vessels, many of which have been lying in since last Friday and just aching for the chance to get out and get fish once more. They will have no chance today, as the wind is very heavy from the eastward.

## Boston Arrivals.

Sch. A. C. Newhall, 2000 haddock, 3000 cod, 3000 hake.

Sch. Thomas J. Carroll, 2000 haddock, 300 cod, 1000 hake, 2000 cusk.

Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, 1500 haddock, 3800 cod, 9000 hake.

Sch. John J. Fallon, 12,000 haddock, 9000 cod, 20,000 hake.

Sch. Reliance, 5000 cod.

Sch. Lillian, 4500 cod.

Sch. Marguerite McKenzie, 4500 cod.

Sch. Hobo, 2300 cod.

Haddock, \$4 to \$6 per cwt.; large cod, \$5 to \$6; markets, \$3 to \$6; hake, \$2.50 to \$4; pollock, \$2.50 to \$4.50; cusk, \$3.50.

## Will Make Second Trip.

Sch. Atalanta, Capt. Richard Wadding, which brought home the first salt herring cargo from the Treaty Coast this season, has fitted for a second herring voyage and will sail in a few days.

## Caught Mackerel Sharks.

Cape. John Hickey of the Terra Nova at T wharf, Boston, Wednesday, struck the tail end of a school of mackerel sharks and brought in several of them. The sharks were small, not more than five feet long. They had driven away the mackerel, however.

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## Fishing Fleet Movements.

Sch. Clintonia was at Halifax, N. S., on Saturday.

The British sch. Almeda, bound her from a Newfoundland port with a cargo of green fish, was at Halifax, N. S., Saturday, for harbor.

Sch. Alice R. Lawson, bound home with a cargo of salt herring, was at North Sydney, C. B., Monday.

Sch. Ella G. King, bound home from Bay of Islands, N. F., with a cargo of salt cod, was at North Sydney, C. B., on Monday. The vessel had a hard passage to that port and had blown away her foresail.

## NEW TRAWLER LAUNCHED.

**Ripple Put into the Water at the Fore  
River Yards Yesterday.**

The steam fishing trawler Ripple, built by the New England Fisheries Company, was launched at the Fore River yards yesterday afternoon. The boat was christened by Miss Betty Smith, the 12-year-old daughter of H. G. Smith, general manager of Fore River yards. Miss Smith was also sponsor for the Spray, the first steam trawler in this country, launched three years ago. Yesterday's launching took place in a driving easterly rainstorm and was witnessed by only a few officials of the fish company.

The Ripple is a sister ship of the Foam. She is 126 feet long over all. Her beam is 22 feet, 6 inches and her depth 12 feet 6 inches. She has a capacity of 100 tons of fish and she will be driven by a triple-expansion engine, the power for which will be furnished by a Scotch boiler. The engine will have an indicated horse-power of 450 and the power plant will be almost identical with that of the Spray.

## Nova Scotia Dry Fish Catch.

The dry fish are about all in from the Nova Scotia coast and the receipts from outside points from now on will be light. The Halifax buyers will now have to turn their attention to bank fish, of which there are about 40,000 quintals in the fishermen's hands at Lunenburg, which have not yet reached the market. The summer trips of the Lunenburg bankers are well dried and in good condition for the market, but a majority of the later catch is not hard made and the dealers are not anxious for them in their present condition.

Two cargoes have arrived at Halifax during the past week from Lunenburg and River Bourgeois, and it is understood were placed at about \$5. Several vessels have also arrived from Newfoundland points with assorted cargoes. A small quantity of cod oil has reached the market and is bringing fancy prices.

## Going to Provincetown.

Sch. Natalie J. Nelson, which arrived at T wharf yesterday, has made her last trip under command of Capt. Albert Larkin, and tomorrow she will be turned over to the Provincetown people to whom she was sold last month and will be hauled up until the Provincetowners begin to go again. Capt. Larkin, who has made a remarkable record since he took command of the Nelson some years ago, will now stay ashore and look after the getting ready of his new sch. Valerie, which will be launched from Tarr & James' Essex yard in about a week.

## Increase in Price of Cod Oil.

During the last ten days, says a St. John's, N. F., dispatch, cod oil has advanced in price by leaps and bounds, and since the opening of the season the price has increased about \$65 a ton. Friday some small quantities were sold in the city at \$110 a tun in hardwood casks, which is the highest price given for many years. The quantity of oil now to arrive does not exceed 100 tons, so that the increase will not materially affect other than the few immediate shipments.

## Speculating in Fish Oil.

A St. John's, N. F., exchange says that in the city at present are a number of persons who are speculating in the purchase of fish and cod oil. Several are paying high prices for both on "spec," but are only purchasing small quantities. The price for merchantable fish, given by the merchants generally, is \$6.80 a quintal, and cod oil from \$100 to \$105 a tun. It is said that there are about 500 tons of cod oil on the southwest coast that is still unsold.

## Newport Season Ends.

Newport's fishing season has ended, with the smallest catch of fish in many years, especially of mackerel and scup.

All the traps have been lifted and the fish catchers are looking forward to better luck next spring and summer.

While the catch has been smaller than for many years fishermen have made money, but not what they have made in past seasons.

## Mild Weather in West.

The weather on the Pacific halibut grounds up till November 15, has been very mild, and large amounts of halibut have been shipped from the Narrows. A Seattle-Alaska boat which recently sailed from Petersburg took 400 boxes; the steamer following took 300 boxes. Late reports from Seattle indicate that halibut will not reach 5 cents until cold weather sets in.